

REMARKS

The present application includes claims 1, 2, 6-9, and 11-31. Claims 1 and 2 were rejected. Claims 6-9 were objected to. Claims 11-31 were allowed. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 6-9, and 25-27 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Irwin (U.S. Patent No. 2,778,159).

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Snowden (U.S. Patent No. 3,909,066).

Claims 6-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 11-31 were allowed.

The Applicants now turn to the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Irwin. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Irwin is moot.

The Applicants now turn to the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Snowden. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Snowden is moot.

The Applicants now turn to the objection to claims 6-9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 6-9 have been cancelled. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to claims 6-9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim is moot.

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 11-31. However, claims 25-27 depend from independent claim 1, which has been cancelled. Therefore, claims 25-27 have also been cancelled.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 11-24 and 28-31 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

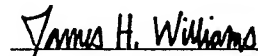
The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants may be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Attorney for Applicants at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account No. 16-0228.

Respectfully submitted,

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